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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Barreled apple prices on the whole were not much changed from those ruling last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. The liberal supplies of barreled apples, amounting to 48,000 barrels of which 25,000 were offered at auction, met with a moderate demand. Demand was active for high grade stock. The general condition of the fruit was good except for some scalded lots. Some tray boxes of Virginia Winesaps were offered at the auction. These met with a good demand. U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch Virginia Winesaps sold at $1.39 per tray. Baskets were in light supply and met a moderate demand. Virginia Yorks, U. S. No. 1, 2½ inch, sold at $1.39 to $1.48 and 2¾ inch at $1.30 per basket. U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch New York Baldwins made $1.39 per basket. The liberal supplies of boxed apples were in poor demand. A large part of the offerings was withdrawn for next week's sale. As only small quantities of the offerings were sold, prices do not reflect the true market values. The condition of the boxed stock was good the fruit being clean and attractive. Prices ruling at the auction were probably a little higher than those of last week except for Winesaps, demand for which was sluggish.

With the exception of York Imperials, London barreled apple prices were somewhat lower than last week. Inquiry was moderate for the liberal barreled supplies. Some scald was in evidence but the general condition of the fruit was good. There was too much low grade fruit on the market. Light supplies of tray boxes of Virginia apples elicited a good demand. Virginia Yorks, Combination U. S. No. 1 and Utility, 2¼ inch sold at $1.48 to $1.61. The same grade and size of Winesaps made $1.52 per tray. Inquiry was weak for the liberal boxed offerings. Winesaps were difficult to move at satisfactory prices. The condition of the boxed stock was good. Boxed prices were generally lower than last week. London barreled Winesap, Albemarle Pippin, and Ben Davis prices were above those ruling at Liverpool, whereas Yorks, Baldwins and Greenings were lower than those paid at Liverpool. Boxed apple prices at London were mostly lower than the Liverpool prices. California Winter Nelis pears sold at higher prices at London than at Liverpool but the reverse was true of Washington Winter Nelis.

Plentiful supplies of Jaffa and Spanish oranges are being sold on the British markets and, owing to the low prices, are offering competition with apples. Supplies of South African and Argentine deciduous fruits are also heavy. The first shipment of Australasian apples is expected March 18. The British tariff becomes effective March 1. Final details are not yet available.

UNITED KINGDOM: Arrivals of fruit week ended February 16, and 23 and the expected arrivals for the week ending March 1

Fruit and country of origin	Week ended February 16	Week ended February 23	Week ended March 1
Apples - Barrels United States and Canada	81,700	73,400	80,700
Boxes " " " "	165,200	197,600	228,000
Baskets " " " "	6,000	8,600	4,400
Pears - Boxes - United States	11,000	4,000	6,000
Packages - Argentina	-	8,000	7,000
Packages - South Africa	25,000	32,000	40,000
Packages - Australia	-	1,200	-
Grapes - Packages - United States	1,000	3,000	1,000
Packages - South Africa	23,000	25,000	51,000
Packages - Argentina	-	500	-
Peaches - Packages - South Africa	56,000	56,000	35,000
Packages - Argentina	-	120	140
Plums - Packages - South Africa	24,000	21,000	44,000
Packages - Argentina	-	40	500
Grapefruit - Boxes - Jamaica	2,000	1,400	1,100
Boxes - United States	13,000	11,000	37,000
Boxes - Porto Rico	-	-	5,000
Oranges - Boxes - Palestine	188,000	31,000	160,000
Half cases (110 pounds) Spain	205,000	183,000	205,000
Bananas - Bunches - Jamaica	-	161,000	112,000
Bunches - Central America	-	87,000	108,000
Bunches - Brazil	-	49,000	36,000
Crates - Canary Islands	-	5,000	7,000

Empire Marketing Board.

The following prices for this week were converted at $3.48 to the pound sterling compared with $3.45 last week and par or $4.86 at this time last year.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool and London

Variety, grade and origin	1931 Liverpool February 25	1932 Liverpool February 17	1932 Liverpool February 24	1932 London February 24
APPLES BARRELS	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Winesaps, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2 inch	6.69-7.18	4.57	4.44	4.79
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	7.30-7.79	-	4.18-4.52	4.52-4.87
Utility, 2¼ inch	-	4.14	3.92-4.26	4.09-4.44
Albemarle Pippins, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch	-	-	4.26-4.31	4.87-5.22
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	7.30-7.91	5.08-5.51	4.96-5.22	5.22-5.57
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	8.15-8.64	5.51-5.86	5.22-5.57	-
Utility, 2¼ inch	-	4.48-4.65	4.70-5.05	4.61-4.79
Utility, 2½ inch	-	4.65-5.17	4.87-5.22	4.79
Unclassified, 2¼ inch	-	4.31-4.65	4.35-4.44	4.61-4.79
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2¼ in.	7.30-7.79	5.00	-	4.87-5.22
York Imperials, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2 inch	6.33-6.81	-	3.65	3.83-4.00
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	7.06-7.30	4.31-4.39	4.26-4.44	4.00-4.35
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	7.06-7.54	4.14-4.48	4.09-4.18	4.00-4.35
U.S. No. 1, 2¾ inch	-	4.31-4.48	3.83-4.18	-
Utility, 2¼ inch	-	3.62-3.70	3.92-4.26	3.48-3.83
Utility, 2½ inch	-	3.19-3.79	-	3.65-3.83
Utility, 2¾ inch	-	-	3.74-4.09	-
Ben Davis, Va.				
U. S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	-	4.05	3.65-4.00	4.09-4.44
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	-	-	3.65-3.74	-
Utility, 2¼ inch	-	3.70	-	3.65-4.00
Ganos, Va.				
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	-	-	4.00	-
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	-	-	3.92-4.00	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2½ in.	-	-	3.65-3.83	-
Rhode Island Greenings, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	6.08-6.57	-	4.00-4.35	-
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	6.57-6.81	-	5.22-5.57	-
Utility, 2¼ inch	-	-	-	3.57-3.74
Utility, 2½ inch	-	-	4.61	-
Utility, 2¾ inch	-	-	4.87	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2¼ in.	5.60-5.84	-	4.79	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2½ in.	-	-	4.96	-
Baldwins, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2¼ inch	-	-	4.18-4.35	4.00-4.18
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	6.81-7.54	4.48	4.44-4.79	-
Utility, 2½ inch	-	-	4.00-4.52	4.09
Comb. No. 1 and Comm'l 2½ inch	6.33-6.45	-	4.44-4.52	-
Ben Davis, N. Y.				
U.S. No. 1, 2½ inch	-	-	3.83	-
Utility, 2¼ inch	-	-	3.39	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2¼ in.	-	-	3.83	-
Comb. No. 1 and Utility, 2½ in.	-	-	3.83	-
BOXES Newtowns, Oregon				
Extra Fancy, 150/175	2.92-3.04	2.67	2.78	2.52-2.57
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	-	2.50-2.63a/	2.61	2.44-2.52
Fancy, 150/175	3.04-3.10	2.46-2.50a/	2.61	2.35-2.44
Fancy, 188/smaller	2.80-2.98	2.41-2.46a/	2.57	2.26-2.39
C grade, 150/175	2.68	2.28-2.41a/	2.44	-
Spitzenburgs, Oregon				
Extra Fancy, 150/175	2.98	2.15 a/	1.74-1.78	-
Delicious, Oregon				
Extra Fancy, 150/175	3.53	-	2.44	-
Fancy, 150/175	-	-	2.26	-
Winesaps, Wash.				
Extra Fancy, 150/175	2.92	1.59-1.64a/	1.52-1.61	1.39-1.57b/
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	-	1.64-1.68a/	1.57	1.39-1.57 b/
Fancy, 150/175	-	-	1.39-1.48	1.39-1.57b/
Fancy, 188/smaller	-	-	1.39-1.52	1.39-1.57b/
C grade, 138/larger	-	-	1.44	1.39-1.57b/
C grade, 150/175	-	-	1.39-1.44	1.39-1.57b/
C grade, 188/smaller	-	-	1.35-1.44	1.39-1.57b/
Delicious, Wash.				
Fancy, 150/175	-	-	1.91	-
PEARS BOXES				
Winter Nelis, Calif.				
Fancy, 193/smaller	3.04-3.10	2.84 c/	2.35	2.61-2.78b/
Winter Nelis, Wash.				
Extra Fancy, 135/150	3.41	-	2.52-2.61	2.09-2.26b/
Extra Fancy, 165/180	3.16-3.41	-	2.61	2.09-2.26b/
Bartletts, Argentina	-	-	-	2.09-2.44

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.
a/ London. b/ Size and grade not given. c/ 165/180.